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In re Application of Vincent Wilmet et al. :
Serial No.: 09/807,285 :
Filed: June 19, 2001 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT
Attorney Docket No.: S-98/24 :

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed April 17, 2003, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the timely filing of a response to the Office action mailed April 16, 2002.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action (non-final rejection) to applicant on April 16, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory time period for reply. On April 4, 2003 the examiner mailed a Notice of Abandonment indicating that no reply had been received. Applicant states that a response, including amendment, petition for extension of time and information disclosure statement, was filed on August 9, 2002, as evidenced by the properly executed Certificate of Mailing on the response. Applicant provides a copy of the submitted response with the petition, and also a copy of the date stamped return post card. In view of this evidence, applicant is considered to have submitted a timely reply.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**. The application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision and will be forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the response.

Should there be any questions with regard to this letter please contact Bruce Campell by letter addressed to the Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, DC 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-4205 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 746-5006.

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